

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Attorney Docket No. SIR-MIS-00001-US-CIP[3])

IN THE APPLICATION OF:)	
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McSwiggen <i>et al.</i>)	
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Serial No.: 10/720,448)	Examiner: BOWMAN, Amy
)	Hudson
Filed: November 24, 2003)	Group Art Unit: 1635
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Title RNA Interference Mediated)	Confirmation No.: 4875
Inhibition of Gene Expression)	
Using Chemically Modified)	
Short Interfering Nucleic Acid)	
(siNA))	

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
AND RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed is a Request for Continued Examination and a response to the Advisory Action mailed February 22, 2010. Applicants request continued examination of the above-referenced patent application and submit the required fee. No other fees are believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 50-4615.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.